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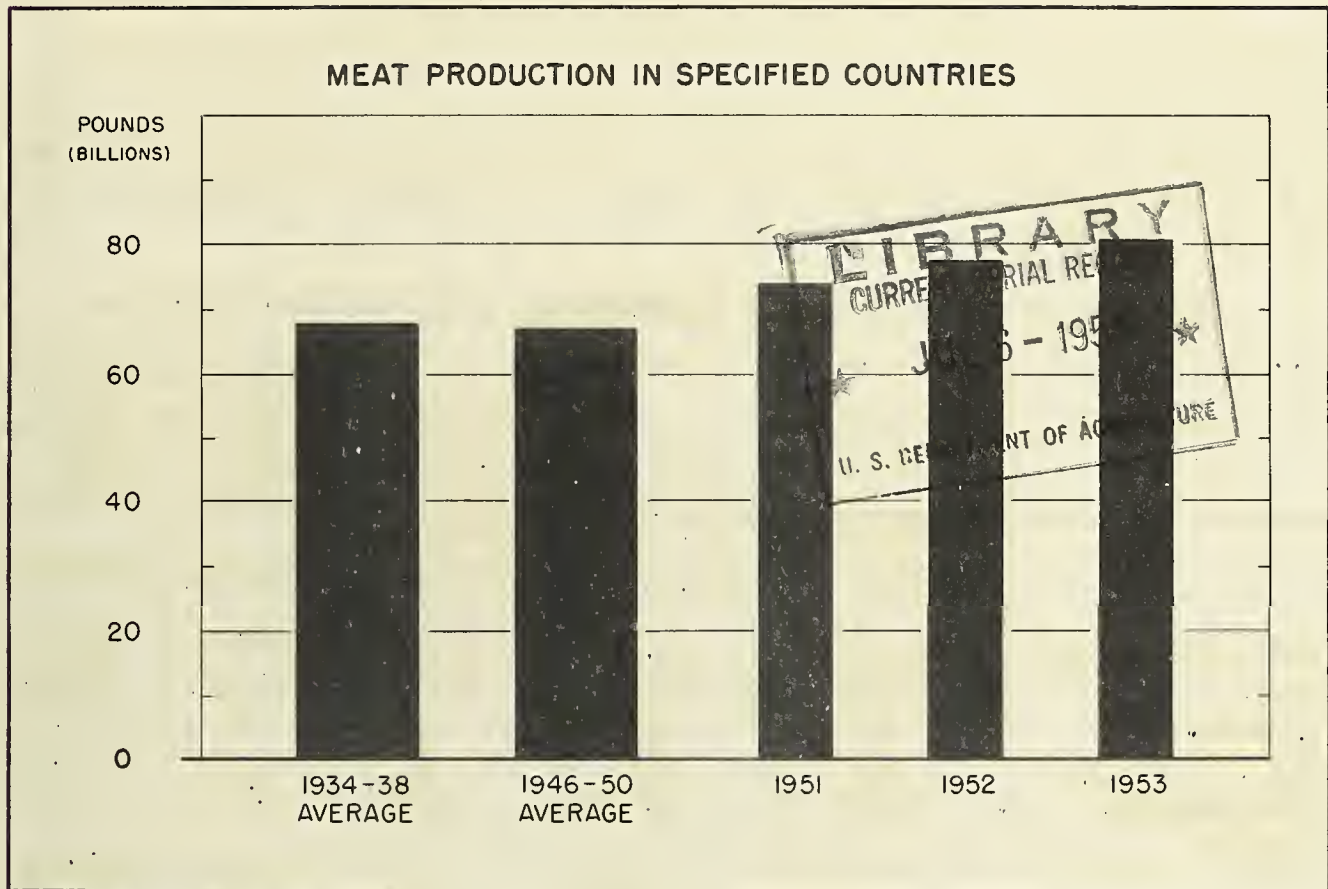
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WORLD MEAT PRODUCTION IN 1953



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Production of meat during 1953 in the principal countries of the world, exclusive of the Far East, was around 4 percent greater than the record output of 1952, 20 percent above the 1946-50 average and 18 percent greater than prewar. Production in the 41 countries under review account for around 93 percent of the world output, exclusive of China, according to information, collected and analyzed by the Foreign Agriculture Service.

A further moderate rise in world meat output is in prospect during 1954. Not much change is now foreseen in production of pork but output of beef is expected to rise further as increased slaughter of cattle is probable in several of the major producing countries. A continued high level of production of mutton and lamb is probable. Both cattle and sheep numbers in the world are now at record levels. At the first of 1954 hog numbers were slightly below a year earlier but were slightly above prewar.

Increased beef production during 1954 seems likely in a number of countries including Canada, New Zealand, France, the United Kingdom and Argentina. Production in the United States is expected to show little change from the record set in 1953.

Pork output in Western Europe during 1954 promises to be about the same as a year earlier. Greater production in Denmark, Ireland and the United Kingdom is expected to be about offset by decreases in other countries including Belgium, Western Germany and the Netherlands. Increased production of pigs during 1954 in the United States and Canada will show up largely in increased slaughter and pork production in the last half of 1954 and in 1955.

MEAT 1/: Summary of world production, 1953, with comparisons

Continent or area	Average 1946-50	1952	Prelim- inary 1953	Increase (+) or decrease (-)	
				1953 1934-38	1953 1952
	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Percent	Percent
North America <u>2/</u>	25,766	26,634	28,218	+51.7	+5.9
Europe <u>3/</u>	20,197	26,928	28,031	+3.0	+4.1
U.S.S.R.	<u>4/</u>	<u>4/</u>	<u>4/</u>	-	-
Middle East <u>5/</u>	<u>4/</u>	<u>4/</u>	<u>4/</u>	-	-
South America	10,054	9,913	9,416	+13.6	-5.0
Union of South Africa	917	935	1,040	+55.0	+11.2
Oceania	3,338	3,623	3,832	+19.3	+5.8
Total <u>6/</u>	67,037	77,353	80,418	+18.3	+4.0

1/ Carcass meat — excludes offal, lard, rabbit and poultry meat. 2/ Includes United States, Canada, Cuba and Mexico. 3/ Not strictly comparable with prewar, due to territorial changes. 4/ Estimates included in the total. 5/ Includes Egypt, Turkey, Iraq, and Iran. 6/ Total includes 41 countries, which in 1938 produced 66.3 billion pounds of meat out of an estimated total 70 billion pounds for 67 countries, excluding China.

Meat output in the 41 countries, for which detailed estimates were available, totaled 80 billion pounds (carcass weight basis) in 1953 compared with 77 billion a year earlier and 74 billion in 1951. Practically all of the increase from 1952 to 1953 was due to greater production of beef which rose to a new record high. Output of lamb, mutton and goat meat increased slightly. On the other hand, production of pork in 1953 was around a billion pounds less than in 1952 and was the smallest in 3 years.

Total meat production during 1953 was above 1952 in all major areas of the world, except South America. Production in North America of 28 billion pounds was 6 percent greater than in 1952, due to a substantial increase in beef production in the United States and Canada which more than offset substantial decreases in the output of pork in the two countries. Output of all meats in North America during 1953 was 10 percent above the 1946-50 average and was 43 percent greater than prewar. North America produced 35 percent of the output in the countries under review. The United States is by far the world's largest individual producer. Production in the United States increased 8 percent from 1952 to 1953 and production in 1953 was the second largest of record.

Production of meat in Europe has been increasing steadily since World War II and the increases in pork production have been particularly large. Production in Europe, excluding Russia, during 1953 totaled 4 percent greater than a year earlier and was 38 percent greater than the 1946-50 average. Output of all meat during 1953 was the greatest since World War II and exceeded the prewar average for the first time since the war. Substantial gains have been registered for practically all countries and this increase continued during 1953 with few exceptions. Since 1946-50 output of all meats has nearly doubled in the Netherlands. Increases of from 45 to 75 percent are recorded for Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Western Germany, and the United Kingdom. Increases of 25 to 40 percent were made in Finland, France, Ireland, Italy and Switzerland. Meat output in France and the United Kingdom has set new records. Production of meat in Europe, excluding Russia, in 1953 was estimated at around 28 billion pounds, about the same as the total for North America, and comprised around 35 percent of the total for all countries for which detailed estimates have been prepared.

Meat production established a new high record in Australia last year. Production in New Zealand was only 4 percent below the record set a year earlier. Production in the two countries of almost 4 billion pounds made up about 5 percent of the estimated total for the 41 countries.

Meat output declined moderately in South America during 1953. South America output of around 9.5 billion pounds was 11 percent of the estimated world total. In the important producing countries total production was estimated to be 5 percent below 1952 and 6 percent below

MEAT 1/: Preliminary estimate of production of beef and veal, pork, mutton, lamb and goat meat, and total meat in specified countries in 1953, with comparison

Country	Beef and Veal				Pork (excluding lard)				Mutton, Lamb and Goat				Total 2/				1953 as Percentage of			
	Average		1946-50		Average		1946-50		Average		1946-50		Average		1946-50		1953		1946-50	
	Million Pounds	Million Pounds	Million Pounds	Million Pounds	Million Pounds	Million Pounds	Million Pounds	Million Pounds	Million Pounds	Million Pounds	Million Pounds	Million Pounds	Million Pounds	Million Pounds	Million Pounds	Million Pounds	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
NORTH AMERICA																				
Canada	1,043	825	975	1,182	915	54	26	27	2,053	2,033	1,917	93	1,917	2,033	1,917	93	94			
Mexico	723	820	763	265	265	50	71	68	1,035	1,156	1,096	106	1,096	1,156	1,096	106	95			
United States	10,980	10,840	14,003	11,547	10,063	743	648	729	22,264	23,035	24,795	111	24,795	23,035	24,795	111	102			
Cuba	375	370	370	38	38	2	2	2	414	410	410	99	410	410	410	99	100			
EUROPE																				
Austria	158	213	233	370	380	10	4	4	407	630	661	162	661	630	661	162	105			
Belgium	238	337	342	393	395	7	5	8	559	778	815	146	815	778	815	146	105			
Denmark	327	369	393	839	1,055	7	3	3	884	1,271	1,512	171	1,512	1,271	1,512	171	119			
Finland	91	104	115	120	134	11	11	17	220	248	278	126	278	248	278	126	112			
France	1,985	2,270	2,469	1,874	1,874	215	231	243	3,820	4,552	4,762	125	4,762	4,552	4,762	125	105			
Germany, Western	1,060	1,470	1,705	2,850	2,849	45	33	40	2,700	4,430	4,665	173	4,665	4,430	4,665	173	105			
Greece	29	33	34	44	44	98	103	112	161	180	190	118	190	180	190	118	106			
Ireland	158	200	202	129	202	40	45	50	327	390	454	139	454	390	454	139	116			
Italy	522	675	790	765	725	103	113	110	1,216	1,618	1,692	139	1,692	1,618	1,692	139	105			
Netherlands	227	393	386	566	627	13	11	17	555	994	1,052	190	1,052	994	1,052	190	106			
Norway	87	98	96	93	85	30	35	35	193	232	222	115	222	232	222	115	96			
Portugal	62	66	74	206	180	47	51	51	324	323	305	94	305	323	305	94	99			
Sweden	261	288	268	341	411	7	5	5	637	716	711	112	711	716	711	112	94			
Switzerland	173	205	213	204	219	4	4	4	336	424	446	133	446	424	446	133	105			
United Kingdom	1,230	1,359	1,398	1,148	1,219	305	371	366	2,025	2,878	3,003	148	3,003	2,878	3,003	148	104			
SOUTH AMERICA																				
Argentina	4,284	4,185	3,560	260	320	540	355	355	5,215	4,800	4,235	81	4,235	4,800	4,235	81	88			
Brazil	2,114	2,306	2,352	545	560	69	77	88	2,695	2,928	3,000	111	3,000	2,928	3,000	111	102			
Chile	280	254	249	57	63	94	106	110	426	417	422	99	422	417	422	99	101			
Paraguay	230	172	170	-	-	-	-	-	230	172	170	74	170	172	170	74	99			
Uruguay	543	666	654	41	40	164	138	122	743	845	816	110	816	845	816	110	97			
AFRICA																				
Union of South Africa	650	650	755	95	85	185	190	200	917	935	1,040	113	1,040	935	1,040	113	111			
OCEANIA																				
Australia	1,226	1,339	1,579	191	189	701	801	823	2,137	2,331	2,591	121	2,591	2,331	2,591	121	111			
New Zealand	409	430	408	89	92	708	773	741	1,201	1,292	1,241	103	1,241	1,292	1,241	103	96			

1/ Carcass meat basis - excludes offal and lard. 2/ Includes horsemeat in addition to types shown in other columns, if it is produced in quantity. 3/ Includes carcass weight equivalent of live animals exported. 4/ Averages for years 1948-50. 5/ Excludes farm production. 6/ Years ending September 30.

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the 1940-46 average. Production in Argentina declined in 1953 and was considerably below prewar. Output in Paraguay continued at a low level. Little change occurred in Chile and Uruguay. Output in Brazil was moderately greater than in 1952 and was substantially above the 1940-46 average.

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PRODUCTION OF BEEF AND PORK IN SPECIFIED COUNTRIES

POUNDS
(BILLIONS)

BEEF AND VEAL

40

30

20

10

0

1934-38
AVERAGE

1946-50
AVERAGE

1951

1952

1953

POUNDS
(BILLIONS)

PORK, EXCLUDING LARD

30

20

10

0

1934-38
AVERAGE

1946-50
AVERAGE

1951

1952

1953